



KS4 Curriculum Map – Religious Studies (GCSE):

Topic	Knowledge <i>Substantive knowledge:</i> This is the specific, factual content for the topic, which should be connected into a careful sequence of learning.	Skills <i>Disciplinary knowledge:</i> This is the action taken within a particular topic in order to gain substantive knowledge.	Assessment Opportunities What assessments will be used to measure student progress?
Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forms of expression (How Art depicts creation) The nature of God Scripture and Tradition, including Magisterium Practices (Caring for the environment) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine Catholic teachings of creation and how they depict God and humans Explore Catholic understanding of scripture and the place of tradition Analyse the role of tradition Examine creation and natural law Explore the relationship between Science and religion Reflect on the duty of care for the environment as a consequence of creation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keywords Mini formative tests Baseline tests Progress Checkers Weekly 12 markers Mini formative tests End of unit tests PPES Online quizzes
Incarnation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God made flesh Symbols, imagery, statutes and sculpture Jesus as the source of morality Sacramental nature of reality and grace Imago Dei and the protection of the unborn child 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate Jesus as fully God and fully human Investigate how symbols, images, statutes, and sculptures depict Christ. Examine how Jesus' teachings in the Beatitudes are a moral guide and also a fulfilment of the Old Testament Examine the work of grace in the believer's life Examine how tradition plays an essential role in the development of Christian understanding of God Evaluate how Imago Dei influences Catholic teachings on abortion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keywords Mini formative tests Baseline tests Progress Checkers Weekly 12 markers Mini formative tests End of unit tests PPES Online quizzes

<p>The Triune God</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of music in worship • The Trinity in the Bible and Creed • The Trinity today • God's love • The Magisterium • Baptism • Prayer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how music is used in worship • Investigate Christian understanding of the Trinity • Explore the concept of the love of God and its impact on Christians. • Explore why the Church needs the magisterium • Analyse the importance of baptism as a sacrament of initiation • Investigate different types of prayers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keywords • Mini formative tests • Baseline tests • Progress Checkers • Weekly 12 markers • Mini formative tests • End of unit tests • PPES • Online quizzes
<p>Redemption</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Architecture of Catholic churches • Sacred objects and artefacts • The death of Jesus • Salvation • Redemption and the Mass • The Eucharist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the importance of the architecture, design and features of a Catholic church • Appreciate the significance of changes in Catholic churches since Vatican II. • Explore the importance of church features for understanding salvation. • Explore how the death of Jesus restored the relationship between God and man • Evaluate the importance of the resurrection and the ascension • Examine the different parts of the Mass • Appreciate the way that the Mass is structured to enable the believer to be caught up in the Paschal Mystery • Appreciate different Christian understandings of the Eucharist and how these affect worship in various denominations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keywords • Mini formative tests • Baseline tests • Progress Checkers • Weekly 12 markers • Mini formative tests • End of unit tests • PPES • Online quizzes
<p>Eschatology: Christian life, death and eternity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelangelo's 'Last Judgement'. • Funerals • How eschatology influences Christians • The Four last things • Purgatory • The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus • The importance of eschatology • Sanctity of life and euthanasia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciate the symbolism and significance of Michelangelo's 'Last Judgement'. • Appreciate how different forms of funeral memorials reflect the beliefs of Christians. • Examine the meaning and significance of the idea of eschatology • Appreciate Catholic teachings about death, judgement, heaven and hell. • Become aware of the nature and importance of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keywords • Mini formative tests • Baseline tests • Progress Checkers • Weekly 12 markers • Mini formative tests • End of unit tests • PPES • Online quizzes

		<p>Catholic beliefs about purgatory and its implications for teachings about the love of God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine the meaning and significance of the parable of the Rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). • Understand the implications of Catholic teachings on eschatology, especially how people live this life and view the idea of hell. • Appreciate the meaning and importance of the idea of the sanctity of life and how this teaching influences Catholic attitudes to euthanasia. 	
<p>Religion Relationships and family</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes us human • Theology of the body • Perspectives on sex before marriage, adultery and homosexuality. • Valid marriages • Marriage, vows and cohabitation • Annulment and divorce • Family planning • purpose of the family in the 21st century. • Roles of the family • Gender equality in the Bible. • Catholic teachings on the equality of men and women. • Gender prejudice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciate the importance of human sexuality as one of the factors that make individuals both human and individual. • Examine John Paul II's perspectives on the Theology of the Body. • Explore Catholic, other Christian and non-religious perspectives on sex before marriage, adultery and homosexuality in modern Britain. • Explore what makes valid and invalid marriages in the Catholic Church • Examine how vows influence marriages and Church teachings on cohabitation and modern British views. • Examine the Church's teachings on annulment and divorce • Explore Catholic teachings on family planning alongside modern British attitudes • Examine the role of the family, particularly in connection with procreation, security and education of children. • Appreciate the importance of gender equality in the Bible • Evaluate what the Catholic Church teaches about men's and women's equality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keywords • Mini formative tests • Baseline tests • Progress Checkers • Weekly 12 markers • Mini formative tests • End of unit tests • PPES • Online quizzes

<p>Religion, peace and conflict</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biblical perspectives on human violence. • Forgiveness and Reconciliation • Justice • Different viewpoints on justice, violence and anger. • Just War Theory • Nuclear War • The consequences of modern warfare. • The Holy War • The Old Testament and • Religious understanding and attitude to pacifism. • Religion and conflict in the 21st century. • Religious responses to terrorism as a form of warfare. • Torture, radicalisation and martyrdom. • Conflict resolution and peace-making. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the Bible’s teaching on violence • Reflect on religious teachings on forgiveness and reconciliation. • Explore how justice can help build up the dignity of the individual and the nation. • Appreciate different attitudes to the issues of justice and violence. • Appreciate the meaning and significance of the Just War Theory in the light of the Catechism of the Catholic Church 2309. • Analyse Catholic attitudes to nuclear war and the use of weapons of mass destruction. • Understand Catholic views regarding the consequences of modern warfare. • Appreciate the idea of a holy war and be able to evaluate the acceptability of this idea. • Develop an insight into different religious beliefs about the acceptability of war. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keywords • Mini formative tests • Baseline tests • Progress Checkers • Weekly 12 markers • Mini formative tests • End of unit tests • PPES • Online quizzes
<p>Judaism (Beliefs)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature of God as one, judge, creator and law-giver • The Abrahamic Covenant • The Sinai Covenant • The Messiah • Statement of Belief - Shema • The Torah 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider Jewish beliefs about the nature of God • Examine the Abrahamic and Sinai Covenants and their significance • Students also consider their personal history. • Examine the Shema, explore its use, and consider why it is essential. • Explore the Torah as a source of wisdom and authority. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keywords • Mini formative tests • Baseline tests • Progress Checkers • Weekly 12 markers • Mini formative tests • End of unit tests • PPES • Online quizzes

<p>Judaism (Practices)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shabbat • Synagogue • Passover • festivals • Life after death • Dietary laws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate the importance of Shabbat for Jewish people in Britain today. • Investigate why the synagogue is still essential for the Jewish community today. • Compare and contrast two critical Jewish festivals and consider the claim that they lose meaning in the modern world. • Evaluate Jewish dietary laws in modern Britain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keywords • Mini formative tests • Baseline tests • Progress Checkers • Weekly 12 markers • Mini formative tests • End of unit tests • PPES • Online quizzes
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